

## REMARKS

The decision of the BPAI affirming the obviousness rejection of claims 1-12 is duly noted. Accordingly, these claims have been cancelled and have been replaced with new claims 13-25. These new claims include subject matter that was not present in the claims that were the subject matter of the appeal. This new subject matter is fully supported by the specification and serves to impart patentability to the claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims definitively distinguish over the teachings of Anderson in view of Barnes and the Office publication.

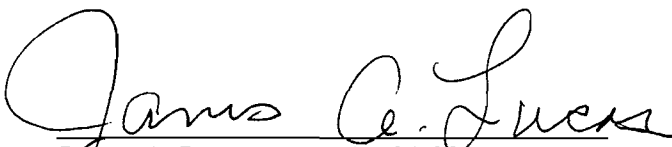
New claim 13 recites the step of automatically copying and pasting an updated content of a cell belonging to a persistently self-replicating range (PSRR) into all other PSRRs within a persistent self-replicating set (PSRS). This step involves adding the content of the buffer in each of identified range of cells belonging to said set, by first detecting a PSRR content update followed by retrieving the address of the updated PSRR. Finally, the updated range of cells is pasted into the range of cells pointed by the PSRR address field of the current record of the self replication table. These specific features, taken *in seriatum*, are not taught nor suggested by the combined teachings of these prior art references. Accordingly, the claimed subject matter is now considered to be patentable over these combined teachings.

In the event that the examiner concurs that the claims as now worded contain allowable subject matter, he/she is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned by email or by phone in order to resolve any remaining details that may be impeding the issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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